

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension)	
)	
or Revocation of the Educator)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION
Certificate of Susan A. Hyler)	
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Certificate 082775)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on February 13, 2008. On October 26, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Susan A. Hyler of the possible suspension of her educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Upon receipt of that notice, Ms. Hyler submitted a request for a hearing, but subsequently agreed to withdraw her request for a hearing and accept a period of suspension of her certificate. After considering the information presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Ms. Hyler's certificate.

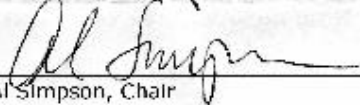
FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Hyler holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has twenty-seven years of teaching experience. She was last employed as a teacher during the 2004-05 school year with Florence County School District Three, where she was assigned to Olanta Elementary School. Ms. Hyler's employment was not continued beyond the conclusion of the 2004-05 school year, following an investigation into allegations that Ms. Hyler violated test security procedures while administering the PACT in May 2005. The investigation concluded that Ms. Hyler had provided inappropriate coaching and assistance to a special needs student during an individual oral administration of the test.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58; S.C. Code Ann. Regs 43-100. The State Board finds that the information presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Susan A. Hylcr on the grounds of test security violations, for a period of six months, through August 13, 2008. If Ms. Hylcr wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, she must submit a written request to the Department's Office of Educator Certification.


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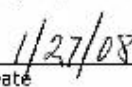

Al Simpson, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

February 13, 2008

I, Susan A. Hylcr, S. C. Educator Certificate #082775, have read the Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and I freely and voluntarily agree to the terms set forth therein. I understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.


Signature


Date